

Dear Dave,

9/7/77

In writing you on the fifth I think I said I'd send you a sample of the straight labor spying/ domestic intelligence work of the FBI from a single file, that of the Memphis Field Office on the Sanitation Workers' strike.

Here it is.

The time and cost of all the copying is getting to be burdensome so after you read it, if you'd like copying it, please return it. I'll attach a carbon to let me know I want it for my Invaders file.

Note the date- long after the strike was settled, after the King assassination, and at a time when the blacks were merely seeking decency.

Look at the number of different FBI Memphis Field Office files in which there were copies. (Most of those blacked out are, I think, names of people, the rest of organizations.)

The author appears to have been in charge of Memphis FBI intelligence operations. Prior to receiving these records I had learned this, I think a year and a half ago. He is now retired, teaching college.

RM = Racial Matters.

While I've forgotten some of the specific contents of these pages the same files show repeated predictions of the violence and repeated provocations of violence by the Memphis police. This begins in these records prior to the 3/28/68 violence, which when it came was exactly as a criminal informant warned was the only way it could. This was 20 days earlier.

Yes, the FBI used its criminal informants for these political inquiries, too.

Best,